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小さな すてきな 魔法(ファンタジー)——
夢を信じる少女たちへの 贈り物(プレゼント)

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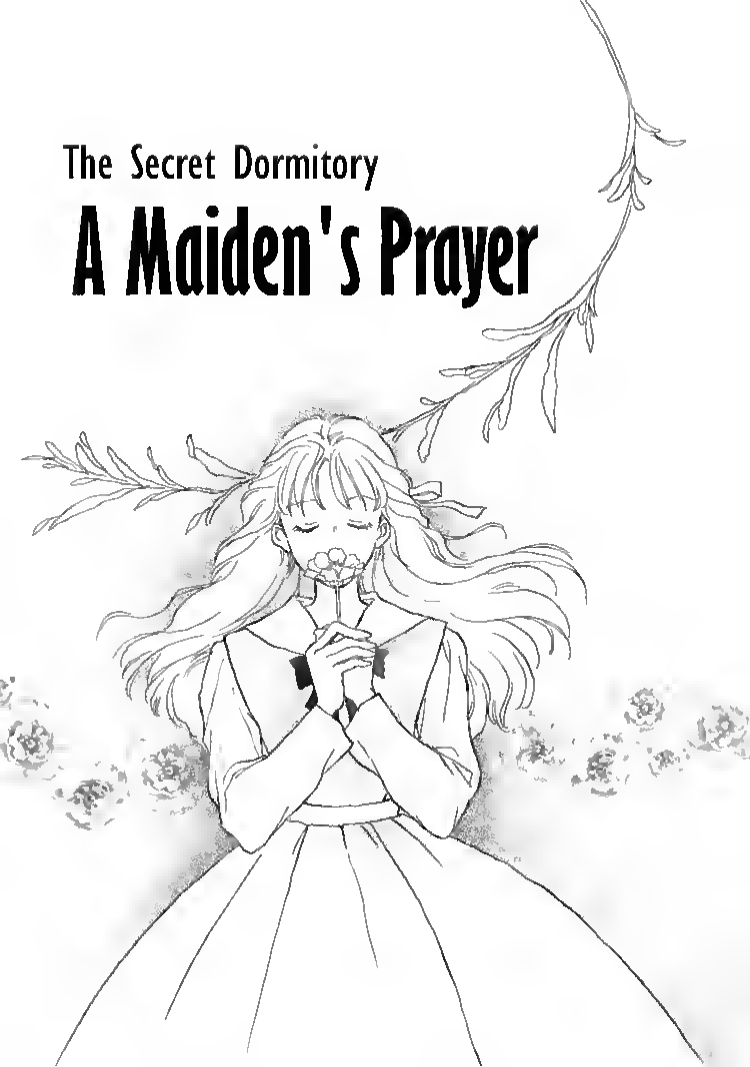
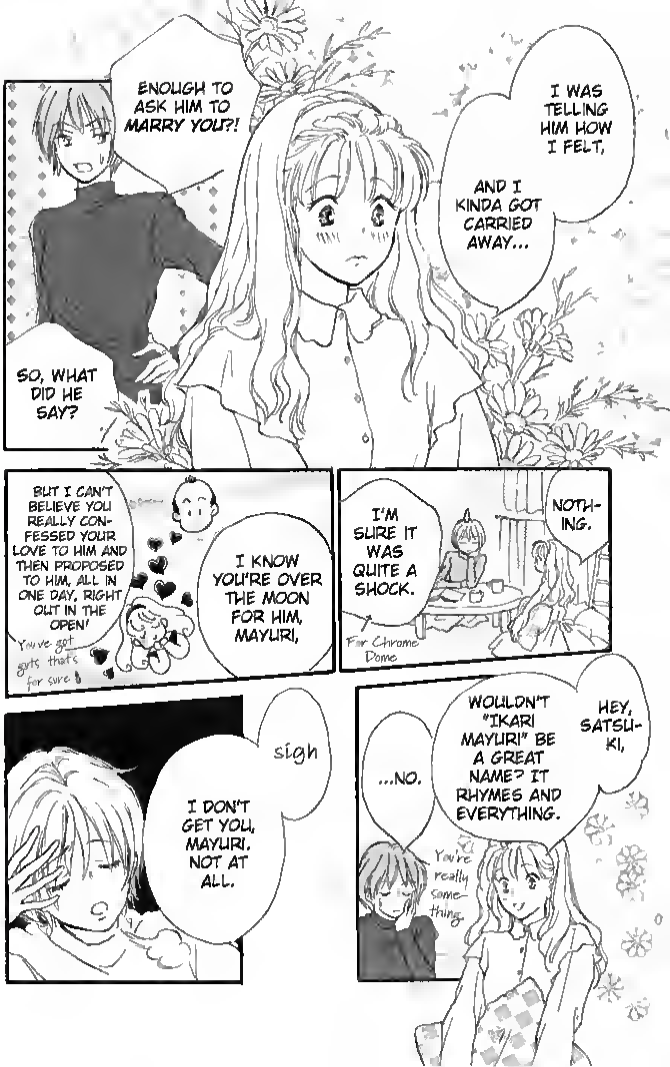
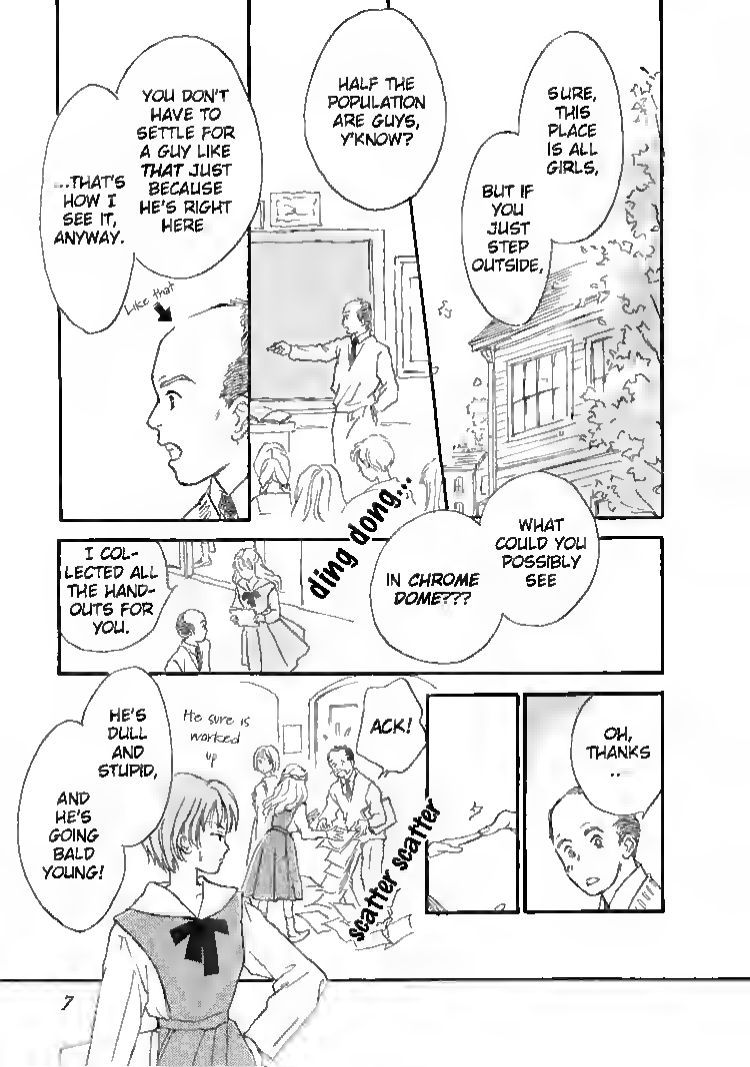
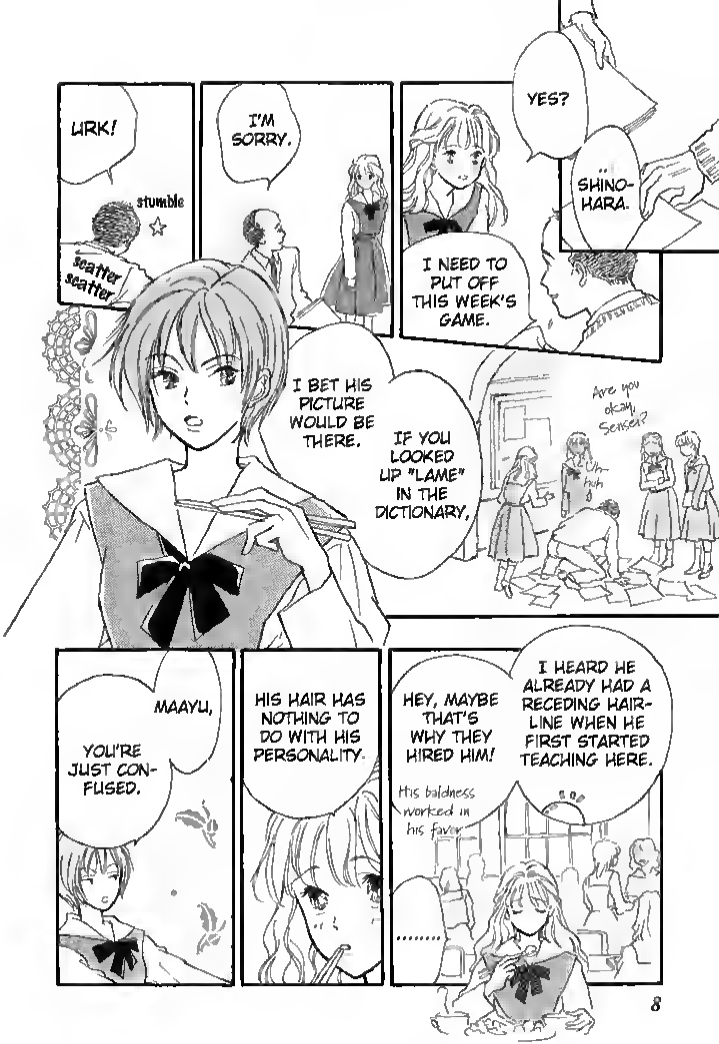


I LOVE YOU.
PLEASE MARRY ME,
SENSEI*!
*note teacher
dooong ♪
ding dong ding
I repeat
UM ...
They're calling you
Please report to the staff room immediately
Ikari-sensei Ikari-sensei

5 *note "Pikari" which sounds like his real name Ikari


ENOUGH TO ASK HIM TO MARRY YOU?!
I WAS TELLING HIM HOW I FELT,
AND I KINDA GOT CARRIED AWAY...
SO, WHAT DID HE SAY?
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY CONFESSED YOUR LOVE TO HIM AND THEN PROPOSED TO HIM, ALL IN ONE DAY, RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!
You've got guts that's for sure
I KNOW YOU'RE OVER THE MOON FOR HIM, MAYURI,
I'M SURE IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK.
NOTHING.
For Chrome Dome
sigh
I DON'T GET YOU, MAYURI. NOT AT ALL.
...NO.
WOULDN'T "IKARI MAYURI" BE A GREAT NAME? IT RHYMES AND EVERYTHING.
HEY, SATSUKI,
You're really something


SURE, THIS PLACE IS ALL GIRLS,
BUT IF YOU JUST STEP OUTSIDE,
HALF THE POPULATION ARE GUYS, Y'KNOW?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A GUY LIKE THAT JUST BECAUSE HE'S RIGHT HERE
...THAT'S HOW I SEE IT, ANYWAY.
Like that
WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY SEE IN CHROME DOME???
ding dong...
I COLLECTED ALL THE HANDOUTS FOR YOU.
ACK!
He sure is worked up
HE'S DULL AND STUPID, AND HE'S GOING BALD YOUNG!
scatter scatter
OH, THANKS ..


URK!
stumble
scatter scatter
I'M SORRY.
YES?
SHINO-HARA.
I NEED TO PUT OFF THIS WEEK'S GAME.
I BET HIS PICTURE WOULD BE THERE.
IF YOU LOOKED UP "LAME" IN THE DICTIONARY,
Are you okay, Sensei?
Uh-huh
MAAYU,
YOU'RE JUST CONFUSED.
HIS HAIR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS PERSONALITY.
HEY, MAYBE THAT'S WHY THEY HIRED HIM!
I HEARD HE ALREADY HAD A RECEDING HAIRLINE WHEN HE FIRST STARTED TEACHING HERE.
His baldness worked in his favor
.....

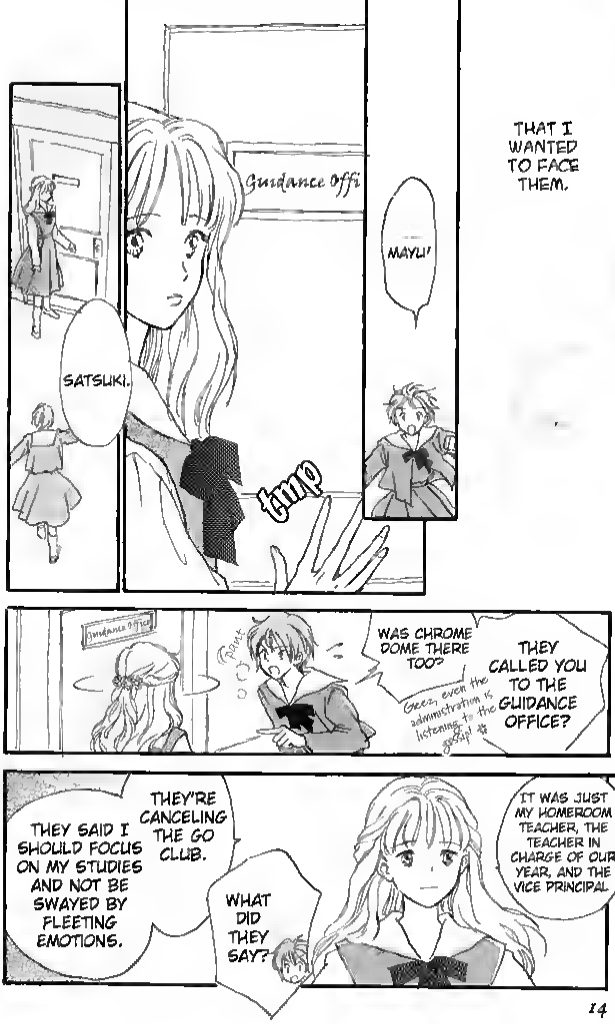
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THE GO CLUB RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU?
And it doesn't looks like any new students are going to join
IT'S JUST YOU AND HIM, ALONE TO-GETHER. IT'S A ROMANTIC ATMO-SPHERE.
PERHAPS IT WAS A BIT RASH OF ME TO PROPOSE.
THAT'S WHY YOU FEEL THIS WAY.
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM! ARGH!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY GOING OUT WITH A GUY FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL?
shake shake
OH, SORRY!
smack
That's her
Oh!
SATSU-KI?
HMM? OH, IT'S NOTHING

AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT THE DETAILS,
BUT AS HER FRIEND, I THOUGHT I SHOULD WARN HER, TOO.
THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND ABOUT MAYU AND CHROME DOME?
WELL, IT TURNED OUT THAT...
I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON.
OVERHEARD THEM? YOU MEAN WHEN MAYU PROPOSED?!
NOW THE STORY'S GOING AROUND--WITH SOME MAJOR EMBELLISHMENTS.
A FRESHMAN OVERHEARD THEM.
PEOPLE ARE JOKING AROUND ABOUT IT,
BUT CHROME DOME IS THE ONLY MALE TEACHER WE HAVE WHO'S SINGLE AND STILL IN HIS TWENTIES, RIGHT?
he's really only 28!
GO MAYURI! I DIDN'T THINK SHE HAD IT IN HER.
OH, SO THAT PART IS TRUE?
grin grin
Darn it shouldn't have said that!

knock knock
ROLL CALL!
HERE!
ICHINOSE-SAN
... SHINOHARA-SAN.
AND TURN IT INTO A BIG MESS.
SO I HOPE OTHER GIRLS DON'T GET ALL JEALOUS
HE'S PRETTY POPULAR,
He's not so much a romantic object
A brother? Try an uncle! ;3
as a friendly brother type right?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AWAY FOR THE NIGHT.
At a certain someone's place.
HEHE.
OH, YOU'RE HERE?
HERE.
giggle
thud
WELL, SLEEP TIGHT!
smirkey smirkey
HOW DARE YOU!
HUH ...?

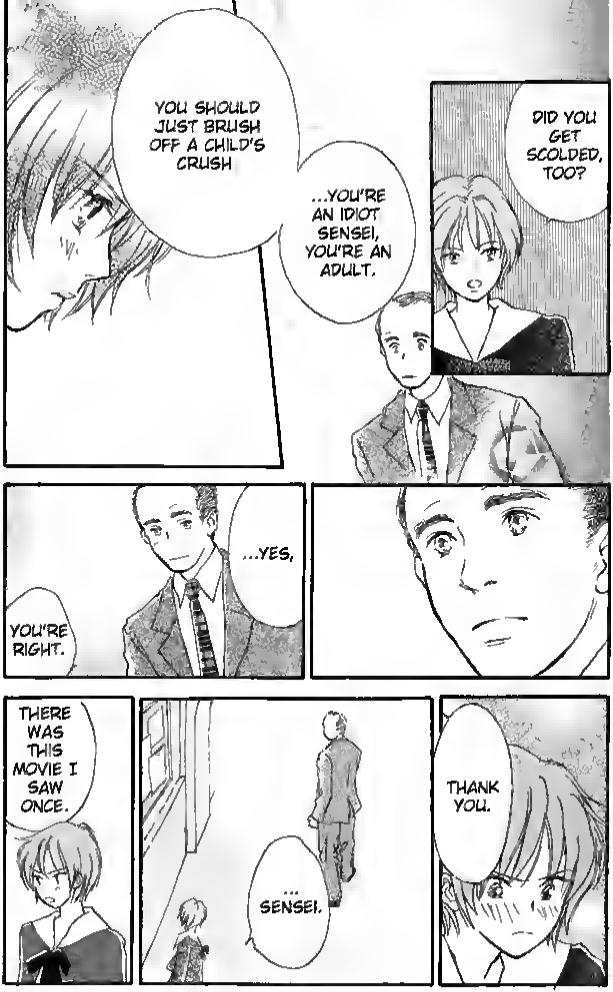
I'M ABSOLUTELY FURIOUS WITH CHROME DOME RIGHT NOW!
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG, SATSUKI?
ARGH.
You're so innocent
THOSE GIRLS WERE WEIRD.
clench
IF HE'D JUST TURN YOU DOWN OUTRIGHT,
YOU'D AT LEAST HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON.
? The person who gets dumped has a leg to stand on?
...UM ...
HE HASN'T EVEN GIVEN YOU A PROPER ANSWER YET, HAS HE?
HE'S BEEN AVOIDING YOU AT SCHOOL... NOT LIKE HE'S HARD TO SPOT.
THE WORLD SPARKLES, LIKE IT'S FULL OF PRECIOUS THINGS.
WHEN I'M WITH HIM,
...AND WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S GOING TO SAY YES.
WHAT?!
You're scaring me!

IS THAT WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE?
Yikes!
IT MAKES ME WISH I COULD STAY THAT WAY FOREVER.
THE ATMOSPHERE IS GENTLE AND RELAXING.
That's just the light reflecting off his bald spot
'Oh so you're turning 18 today, Shinohara.'
NO, HE DIDN'T!' IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD!!
I'M SURE HE FELT IT TOO.
IN THAT MOMENT,
MY FEELINGS WERE SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD
IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY...
HUH?! SOMEONE SAW US?
BUT ANYWAY, IT WAS CARELESS OF YOU TO PROPOSE TO HIM WHERE SOMEONE COULD SEE YOU!
... YOU SEE?


THAT I WANTED TO FACE THEM.
Guidance Offi
MAYU!
SATSUKI.
tmp
Guidance Office
Pant
WAS CHROME DOME THERE TOO?
THEY CALLED YOU TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE?
Geez, even the administration is listening to the gossip!
THEY'RE CANCELING THE GO CLUB.
THEY SAID I SHOULD FOCUS ON MY STUDIES AND NOT BE SWAYED BY FLEETING EMOTIONS.
WHAT DID THEY SAY?
IT WAS JUST MY HOMEROOM TEACHER, THE TEACHER IN CHARGE OF OUR YEAR, AND THE VICE PRINCIPAL

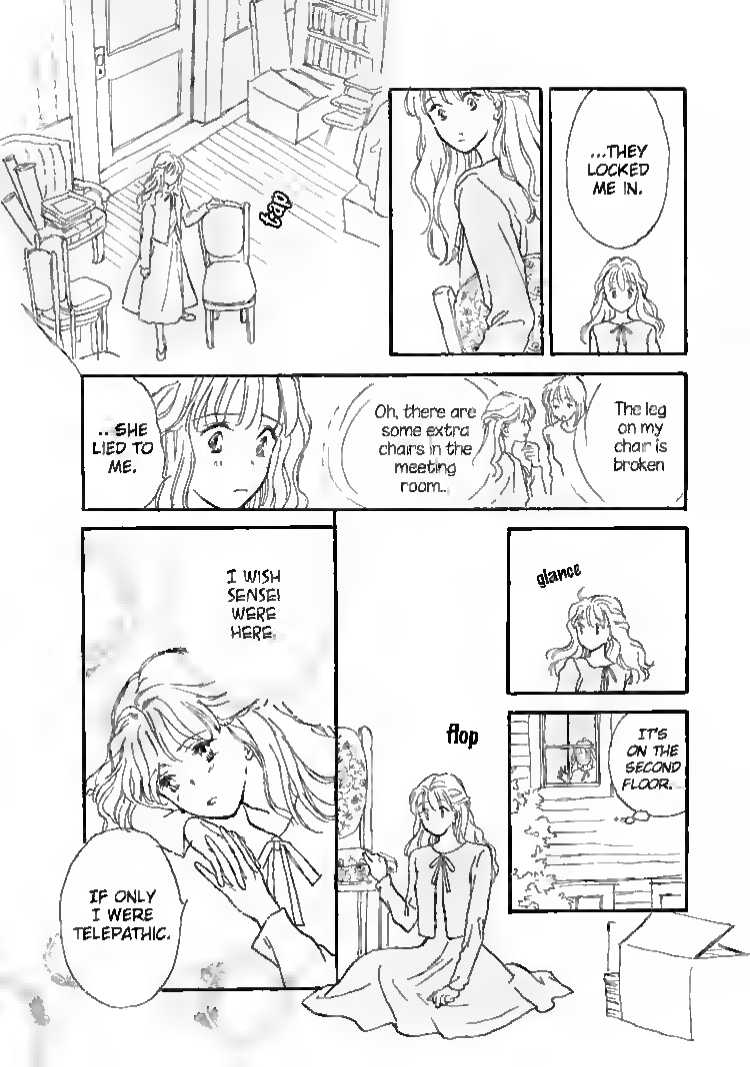
MAYU...
THEY SAID THE SAME THINGS YOU DID.
THEY WEREN'T THAT HARSH ON ME.
ISN'T LOVE ENOUGH?
ARE MY FEELINGS IMMATURE?
IS THIS JUST PUPPY LOVE?
COULDN'T IT BE THE REAL THING?

HOW LONG WILL IT BE
BEFORE ANYONE WILL CONSIDER IT THE REAL THING?
ICHI-NOSE
IE CHIE


YOU SHOULD JUST BRUSH OFF A CHILD'S CRUSH
...YOU'RE AN IDIOT SENSEI, YOU'RE AN ADULT.
DID YOU GET SCOLDED, TOO?
...YES,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THERE WAS THIS MOVIE I SAW ONCE.
...
SENSEI.
THANK YOU.

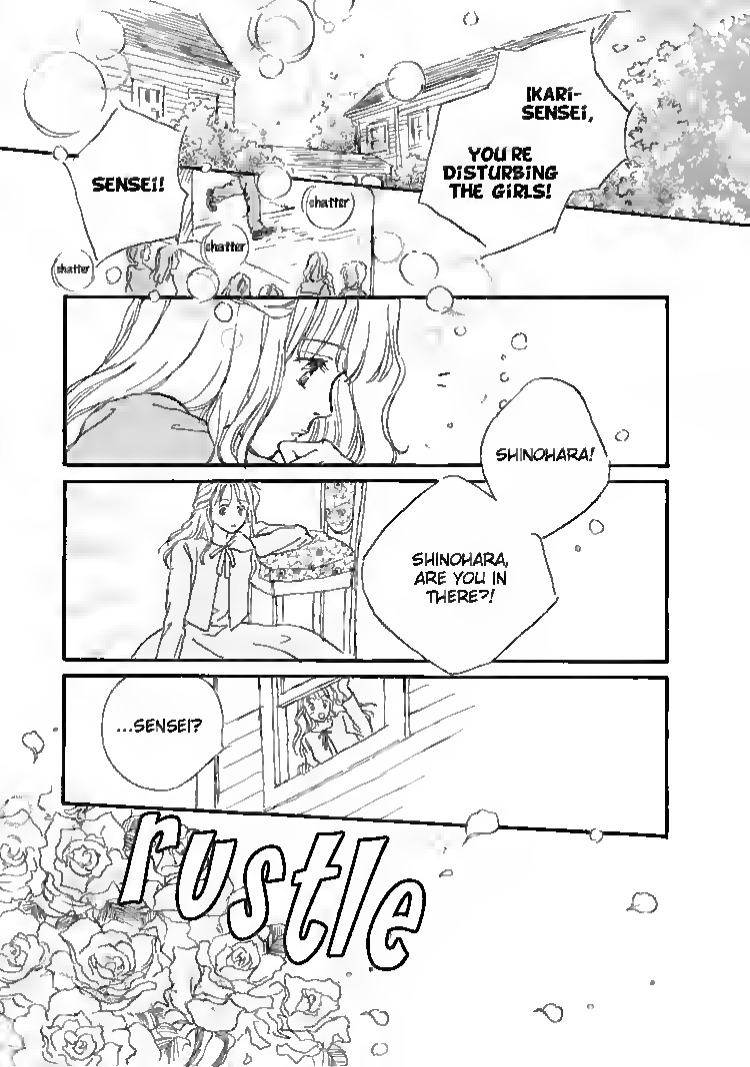
SHE GAVE HER SISTER SOME ADVICE ABOUT HER LOVE LIFE
A STUBBORN GIRL HAD A COMPLEX ABOUT HER SISTER,
BUT TOWARDS THE END,
"YOU SHOULD
HAVE AN ADVENTURE FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE."
tap
WHOA!

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THE MORALS OF OUR DORM!
YOU'RE CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR ALL OF US...
chiki
WE KNOW YOU GOT CALLED TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE.
flail flail
URK...
What a dork.
ANY-WAY!
giggle
giggle
PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME
TO CALM DOWN AND COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES, SHINOHARA-SEMPAI.
Hehehe
giggle
tap
tap
tap
IF YOU MAKE THAT SWEET, INNOCENT GIRL CRY,
YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME- GOT IT?


tap
...THEY LOCKED ME IN.
.. SHE LIED TO ME.
Oh, there are some extra chairs in the meeting room.
The leg on my chair is broken
I WISH SENSEI WERE HERE.
IF ONLY I WERE TELEPATHIC.
flop
glance
IT'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

SENSEI.
I WANT TO SEE YOU.
SENSEI.
resolute
SENSEI!
IKARI-SEN-SEI?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD—

SENSE!
Uh-oh Which way do I go?!
No way! What's Chrome Dome doing here?
But he doesn't know the way
unfazed
stride
stride
PLEASE WAIT!
TH-THIS IS A GIRLS' DORM!
Heart-sense!
SENSE!
IT'S THIS WAY!
LURK! CHROME DOME?!
BGM: Chariots of Fire
chatter
chatter
He has a bouquet of roses.
Wow! Where is he?


IKARI-SENSEI, YOU'RE DISTURBING THE GIRLS!
SENSEI!
chatter
chatter
chatter
SHINOHARA!
SHINOHARA, ARE YOU IN THERE?!
...SENSEI?
rustle

SHINOHARA,
AFTER YOU
GRADUATE NEXT YEAR,
LET'S GET MARRIED!
...!

...I ACCEPT
shri
ek
AND SO, THE GIRL BECAME A LEGEND.
SENSEI!

IKARI-SENSEI!
WHAT IS IT?
YOUR WIFE
WENT TO SCHOOL HERE, RIGHT?
PLEASE TELL US ALL ABOUT IT... HOW THE FAMOUS ROMANCE REALLY HAPPENED.
WE'D LIKE TO BASE A STORY OFF OF IT.
You can't be seri-ous!
HEY, SENSE!!
SEN-SEI?
END
SEN-SEEE!!
You have three children together! It's a little late to get shy about it!
I'll pass.
Everyone knows you're still all lovey-lovey! Yeah SAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Lililicious~may its fragrance encompass you
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The Secret Stairs

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